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## THE MOB METHOD DAILY PAPER REPORTER WRITES STARTLING STORY.

**Nashville Banner Publishes  
Dangerous Article With  
Glaring Headlines.**

**DENIAL OF FALSE RUMOR A FEEBLE EFFORT. HEADINGS AND ARTICLES  
AS THEY APPEARED.**

On Thursday, June 29th, the *Nashville Banner*, a daily paper published in this city, came near causing a riot by circulating a wild story. The story with the heading and denial both appear below:

### INHUMAN ACT OF TWO NEGROES

**Son of R. M. Byrd Tied to  
Tree With Barbed  
Wire.**

**LEFT IN WOODS ALL DAY**

**Loud and Continued Calls for  
Help Were Without Avail  
Until Very Late in  
the Day.**

**NEGROES CATCH FREIGHT**

Seized by two rough looking Negroes and bound to a tree in Northeast Nashville, little Johnnie Byrd, aged 13, was as completely lost for a day yesterday, as if he had been left stranded in a desert island. From 7 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon his cries were unanswered and every struggle that he made only caused the barbs in the wire to sink deeper into his tender flesh.

Apparently the two Negroes who did the deed had no other motive than that of torture, for they did not rob the boy or beat him, but merely tied him to the tree with two handkerchiefs, a belt and some barbed wire and left him there.

The little boy, who lives at 206 Myrtle avenue with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Byrd, was sent by his mother early yesterday morning to get a washerwoman who lived to the northeast of them beyond the city limits. Shortly after he should have returned the washerwoman appeared, and in reply to the mother's anxious inquiry as to what had become of the boy, she said she did not know, that he had come to her house and given her the message and then left. The mother thought at first the boy had stayed along the road to play, but as the hours passed and the youngster did not show up, she became more and more anxious.

Lunch time came and yet the boy had not returned, and a search was instituted in which all the neighbors were visited and the neighborhood haunts thoroughly examined for some trace of the child.

**FINALLY TAKEN HOME.**

Finally at 6 o'clock, when the father, who is employed at Max Firestone's shop at 229 Fourth avenue, South, had come home and was just about to join in the search, the boy was brought home by an employee of the Carter Shoe Factory, who had found him where the Negroes had left him ten hours before trussed to the tree.

It was merely by an accident that the boy was discovered at all, or rather through his own quick wits.

When first bound to the tree he raised his voice in shouts for help, but received no answer but the empty echo which floated through the little grove in which he was held captive. Throughout the day from time to time he tried repeatedly to make someone hear, but the spot where he had been left was little frequented, and during the entire day not a soul passed within the hearing of his voice. As the 5 o'clock whistles blew, little Johnnie remembered that some of the men from the Carter Shoe Factory, near there, might pass by the grove on their way from work, and making one last effort he raised his voice, now hoarse and feeble, in a few more calls for help. This time his call was answered and the passer-by quickly unloosed the bonds. The rescuer was forced to take the boy home, however, for the child was so weak from the lack of food and fear that he could hardly stand alone.

#### Inhuman Deed.

The Negroes met Johnnie as he was going home near the railroad, and after a few whispered words seized him and in spite of his feeble protests bound him firmly hand and foot with two handkerchiefs. They then stood him up in front of the tree, and taking a belt bound his neck firmly to it. With some barbed wire secured nearby they dropped his body so firmly to the tree that the slightest move was agony. Their work was not finished then, however, for with a knife they cut the words "In Hard Luck" above his head and left the boy to his fate. Except for the passing of the one man who released the child, the boy might have stayed for days.

The two Negroes boarded a passing freight on the L. & N. shortly after they had finished their work, but the boy says he would be able to recognize them both again. The police have notified the authorities in all the nearby towns and expect to catch the men in a few days.

### WOULD ESCAPE PUNISHMENT

**Johnnie Byrd Devised Tie-Up  
Scheme to Shield Dis-  
obedience.**

Few men can be heroes for any length of time, but the fall of Johnnie Byrd was quicker than usual and had a sadder ending. Night before last and yesterday morning little Johnnie was the center of attention and attraction in his neighborhood, for it was thought he had really been the victim of an inhuman attack, but yesterday afternoon when the news began to spread the joke was too good to keep, and some of Johnnie's comrades told their parents the real history of the barbed-wire tying.

It seems that after getting the washerwoman Wednesday morning little Johnnie was invited by several of his boy comrades while on the way home to go in swimming. The day was warm and the thoughts of the shady pool would not down, so in spite of the parental command to come right home, Johnnie hiked for

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## THE SUPREME CONVENTION

**I. O. I. MEETS IN DECATUR, ALABAMA**

**Session Held in Lyceum Theatre**

**INDEPENDENCE NIGHT — BANQUET DELEGATES WEDNESDAY NIGHT—INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS THURSDAY NIGHT—REPORTS OF SUPREME OFFICERS RECEIVED WITH APPLAUSE—ELECTION DEVELOPS NOTHING STARTLING — SOME NEW BLOOD ON OFFICIAL STAFF.**

Decatur, Ala., July 4.—The Supreme Convention and Lodge Independent Order of Immaculatus of the world convened in session here today at the Lyceum Theatre. The opening service was very impressive. According to established custom the delegates all took active part in the thanksgiving ceremony. Conspicuous among whom were Dr. R. F. Boyd, Supreme Master; Prof. W. S. Thompson, Supreme Treasurer, and Mr. Summerfield Brown, Supreme Secretary, all of Nashville. During the days the sessions were secret, only delegates and visiting members of the order being admitted. At night each day of the session the general public was invited. On the night of July the 4th the grand reception and welcome was a grand affair and was largely attended.

The following program was rendered at the Lyceum Theatre at 8 p. m.:

Music, M. E. Church choir; prayer; welcome address in behalf of Alabama, Dr. B. E. Huckabee, G. M. R., of Ala.; response, Prof. W. S. Thompson, principal Meigs School, Nashville, Tenn.; solo, Mr. A. O. Sheffey, G. P. S., Ala.; welcome in behalf of the city, Mr. G. F. Oliver; response, delegates to be selected; solo, Miss Caroline Mesely; welcome in behalf of the secret fraternities of Decatur, Rev. C. H. Newby and Mrs. C. A. Gee; response, Miss O. Carrie Hunter; duet, Miss Sallie Webb and Prof. T. A. Frierson; welcome in behalf of the churches, Rev. S. M. Robinson, D. D., pastor First Baptist Church; response, Mr. L. C. Moore, Memphis; solo, Mrs. Lula Orr Fennell; welcome in behalf of the I. O. I. of Decatur, Mrs. T. A. Frierson; response, Mrs. A. B. Carter, Nashville; chorus, C. M. E. choir; introductory remarks of the Supreme Grand Master of America; Dr. W. E. Steers, G. M., of the State of Alabama; address, Dr. R. F. Boyd, S. G. M.; chorus, all choirs combined; announcements; benediction.

On the second night a free banquet was given to the delegates at Sykes hall.

On Thursday night the public installation with an appropriate literary program and addresses upon subjects of vital importance to the race by orators of note was held at the Lyceum Theatre. The ceremony was very impressive. The committees were as follows:

On Homes—Mrs. Sallie Nelson, chairman; Miss Pinke Laurie, Miss Lena McDonald, Mrs. George Lockhart, Mrs. L. W. McCortney, John S. Guthrie, H. J. Banks.

On Program—Mrs. T. A. Frierson, chairman; Mrs. Matilda Goley and S. S. Sykes.

On Reception—H. J. Banks, chairman; G. F. Oliver, John S. Guthrie, Jno. Weems, Mrs. Wm. Barbee, Mrs. Carrie Gee, Mrs. Dora Conner.

On Arrangements—Dr. Willis E. Steers, Mrs. Matilda Goley, Mrs. T. A. Frierson, H. J. Banks and G. F. Oliver.

**BAPTIST CHURCH OF EAST NASHVILLE CALLS REV. BUSHELL.**

After having under consideration many prominent divines, and having spent more than two years in their effort to select a pastor, the First Baptist Church, East Nashville, on last Thursday night called to its pastorate Rev. J. Davenport Bushell, D. D., of Mayfield, Ky. It is understood that Rev. Bushell has already sent in his acceptance, with the understanding that he will report not later than

August 20. It will be remembered that Rev. Bushell thrilled many audiences in Nashville during his revival at First Baptist Church, Spruce street, and that his wife, who is a noted soloist, was also a popular favorite, rendering many soul-stirring solos after each service.

Rev. Bushell filled the pulpit of the First Baptist Church on June 10th, on his way from the Sunday-School Congress. Great preparations are already being made for his acceptance by the people of East Nashville.

**PYTHIANS MEET IN CHATTANOOGA NEXT WEEK.**

Next Tuesday the Negro Pythians of the state will assemble in Chattanooga to review the work of the fiscal year. This meeting promises to be a very important one, and from what can be learned, there will be harmony throughout the meeting.

The success of the order has been phenomenal this year, and a healthy increase both in numbers and finances will be reported.

It is believed that practically all of the old officers will be re-elected, little or no opposition being in evidence, but it is in this case as in all others, there is no one who can tell what will happen.

Grand Chancellor Crawford is very optimistic as to the future of the order in Tennessee. He is of the opinion that unless something turns up that is not now in evidence the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Tennessee will soon take rank with the leading states in the march of progress.

The ladies' department will convene at the same time as the men and in the same city. There is some talk of a general shakeup in the Grand Court, as the ladies feel that more of the offices should be filled by them. There is strong sentiment in their favor, and it will not be a surprise if several of the men do not lose out. The ladies are outspoken in their opinions and the men officers will have to do some tall hustling to hold on.

Chattanoogaans are ready for their guests. They have long since pronounced all things ready. Entertainments will be galore, and the many points of interest to be visited will make the visit of the city under Lookout's eve a very pleasant one.

**HON. J. C. NAPIER'S NAME PRINTED ON UNCLE SAM'S MONEY.**

Special to the Globe.

Washington, July 6.—The first batch of paper money bearing the signature of Hon. J. C. Napier, Registrar of the Treasury, was run off the presses of the Government Bureau of Printing and Engraving this week. It has been transferred to the Treasury to be stamped and will shortly be out in circulation. The new issue of greenbacks will bear the signatures of Tennesseans exclusively. The only other signature besides that of Mr. Napier on Uncle Sam's circulation note currency is that of Mr. Lee McClung, United States Treasurer. Mr. Napier will purchase the first bill with his signature to be put in circulation and he will have it framed.

**CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST FIREMAN I. A. WALLACE.**

Chief A. A. Rozetta preferred charges this morning with the Civil Service Commission against Fireman I. A. Wallace of Engine Company No. 4, alleging intoxication, conduct unbecoming an officer, and breach of discipline. The alleged offense took place yesterday at the headquarters of Engine Company No. 4, on Woodland street. It is stated that Wallace was intoxicated and incapacitated for duty, that he used vulgar language, and threatened the life of his Captain. It is also charged that he fired a pistol in the building occupied by Engine Company No. 4. The date for the trial has not been set by the Mayor.

**CONGRESS ENDORSED.**

A ringing endorsement of the Sunday-school Congress of the National Baptist Convention as it is now being conducted, a request that the state of Tennessee go on record as favoring any improvement that tends to the uplift of the young people of the race and "denomination, with an eloquent plea for his denomination to seize upon this as the opportune moment for gathering within it ranks a brilliant set of young people whose future is brighter now than ever before, was the theme and substance of a noble address delivered by Rev. E. M. Seymour, of Clarksville, president of the Tennessee Sunday-school Convention at the Kayne Avenue Baptist Church last Friday afternoon. The address of President Seymour was a splendid production, and was delivered with much eloquence.

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## SHELBYVILLE AND NASHVILLE

**FIGHTING FOR TURNER NORMAL COLLEGE**

**Committee in Session all Tuesday.**

**BISHOP PARKS CALLED FROM SICK BED IN CHICAGO—JUDGE SHEPPERD ON HAND TO REPRESENT THE CITIZENS OF SHELBYVILLE — DISCOVERED THAT TRUSTEES ACTED BEYOND THEIR POWER—PEOPLE DO NOT APPROVE OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE—REAL ESTATE MEN PUSHING THEIR CLAIM.**

For several days the committee sent out by the trustees of Turner Normal College to purchase a site for that institution in or near this city have been holding sessions daily in an effort to get themselves out of what appears to be a pretty bad muddle.

When it became known to the people of Shelbyville that the trustees had voted to move the college, they got busy as they had never done before. Propositions came thick and fast, and not only that, at a thorough investigation was made as to the right of the trustees to buy land and establish a school. The ablest lawyers in Bedford County were consulted and the charter was examined which revealed the fact that under the charter the trustees could not do what they had voted they would do. This information was made known to the real estate men and then the hustling began. The sale of the property that had been selected for the Turner Normal College makes an interesting story. A few years ago the real estate dealers discovered that the territory north of Mt. Nebo and west of the Tennessee Central railroad was equal in beauty and convenience to any locality around Nashville, so they drew a dead line at the railroad and a desirable point south toward Mt. Nebo. This line was just south of the Heffernan site. No Negro could buy property in that select territory. The word was passed down the line, thus far shalt thou come, and no further. But when the state began to look for a site for the Negro Normal they selected and bought right in the midst of this chosen territory and the paradise that had been selected for white people only, at once became contaminated with Negrophobia. Then came the Turner Normal proposition and hope again beamed out for the real estate men. If they could locate another Negro college in that vicinity, why, they would have a better opportunity than ever to sell their property at fancy prices. But just when everything looked rosy, another cloud in the nature of a state charter arose and their high hopes are blasted.

The trustees and the real estate men are now resting on their oars, each waiting to see what move the other will make. There does not seem to be the least probability of a lawsuit, for all parties agree that they were acting in good faith, and it is believed that all that can be done will be to drop the matter for the time being. It is not believed that the trustees will demand that the forfeit they put up be returned to them, as the amount required was very little, but just what will be done is not known.

In speaking of the matter, President Jones said:

"I wish to say in this connection, that after a second sober thought, and due consideration, our trustees have come to see that we acted hastily, and are now endeavoring to restore ourselves to our normal conditions, and we expect to open school this fall at the same old stand in Shelbyville. Turner Normal has grown by leaps and bounds with in the last five or six years, as everybody knows, and in all such cases with institutions of its kind needs more and greater aid."

The news of the decision of the purchasing committee to abandon the further negotiation for the Nashville property is heralded with the greatest delight by the citizens of Shelbyville.